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ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: C20-2010-003

PC PUBLIC HEARING DATE: May 25, 2010

CC PUBLIC HEARING DATE: May 27, 2010

CODES AND ORDINANCES SUBCOMMITTEE: November 17, 2009: Forwarded to Planning Commission by the Codes and Ordinances Sub-Committee.

PLANNING COMMISSION: December 8, 2009: Planning Commission recommends drafting proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Amend Chapter 25-2 (Subchapter E, Article 5; and Subchapter E, Article 5) of the City of Austin Land Development code to make North Lamar Boulevard, from West Anderson Lane/US HWY 183 to West Braker Lane, a Core Transit Corridor.

See attached map.

BACKGROUND: Core Transit Corridors include roadways that have or will have a sufficient population density, mix of uses, and transit facilities to encourage and support transit use. Examples include South Congress Avenue (north of Stassney Lane) and Anderson Lane (between Burnet Road and Mopac).

Currently North Lamar Boulevard, from West Anderson Lane/US HWY 183 to West Braker Lane, is designated as a ***Future Core Transit Corridor***.

Through the neighborhood planning process the residents of the North Lamar Combined Planning Area have indicated that they would like to see this section of North Lamar Boulevard become more pedestrian and mass transit-friendly. Applying the design standards that accompany a Core Transit Corridor designation would make this segment of North Lamar Boulevard a more appealing destination, with design standards that include, but are not limited to: wide sidewalks, a minimum 75% of building façade fronting the street, and street trees.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the proposed code amendment.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:
May 25, 2010:

CITY COUNCIL DATE AND ACTION:
April 22, 2010: Set a public hearing for May 27, 2010.

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May 27, 2010:

ORDINANCE READINGS:

1st 5/27/2010

2nd

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ORDINANCE NUMBER:

CITY STAFF: Greg Dutton, Planning and Development Review Department

PHONE: 974-3509

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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25-2. SUBCHAPTER E OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO CORE TRANSIT CORRIDORS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. City Code Chapter 25-2, Subchapter E, Article 5 (*Definitions*) is amended to amend the definition of "Core Transit Corridors" and "Future Core Transit Corridors" to read:

Core Transit Corridors

Core Transit Corridors are the following roadways:

1. South First Street, north of Ben White Boulevard;
2. East Seventh Street, west of Pleasant Valley Road;
3. East Fifth Street, from I-35 to Pleasant Valley Road;
4. West Fifth Street, from Guadalupe Street to [and] Mopac Expressway;
5. East Sixth Street, from I-35 to Pleasant Valley Road;
6. West Sixth Street, from Guadalupe Street to [and] Pressler Street;
7. West Thirty-Fifth Street, from Mopac Expressway eastward until becoming West Thirty-Fifth Street Cutoff, and continuing eastward until becoming West Thirty-Eighth Street, and continuing eastward to Speedway;
8. Airport Boulevard from Lamar Boulevard to I-35;
9. Anderson Lane, from Burnet Road to [and] Mopac Expressway;
10. Barton Springs Road, east of Robert E. Lee Drive;
11. Burnet Road, from 45th Street to [and] Anderson Lane;
12. South Congress Avenue, north of Stassney Lane;
13. Guadalupe Street;

- 1 14. Lamar Boulevard, from Banyon Street [~~Boulevard~~] to [and] Ben White
2 Boulevard;
- 3 15. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, from Pearl Street to [and] Airport
4 Boulevard;
- 5 16. Riverside Drive from Lamar Boulevard to E. Ben White Boulevard/
6 Highway 71 [~~, west of Pleasant Valley Road~~];
- 7 17. Cameron Road, from 51st Street to U. S. Highway 290;
- 8 18. Fifty-first Street, from Cameron Road to Manor Road;
- 9 19. Gaston Place, from Westminster Drive to Wellington Drive;
- 10 20. Briarcliff Boulevard, from Berkman Drive to Westminster Drive; and
- 11 21. North Lamar Boulevard from West Anderson Lane / U.S. Highway 183 to
12 West Braker Lane. [~~East Riverside Drive between Pleasant Valley Road and~~
13 ~~Highway.~~]
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14 Core Transit Corridors, Future

15 For purposes of Section 4.2.2. of this Subchapter, the following roadways are considered
16 "future core transit corridors" (including all lots with frontage on the listed intersections):

- 17 1. South Congress Avenue from Stassney Lane to Slaughter Lane;
- 18 2. Slaughter Lane from I-35 to Mopac;
- 19 3. Seventh Street from Pleasant Valley Road to U.S. Highway 183;
- 20 4. North Lamar Boulevard from Banyon Street [~~Lane~~] to West Anderson
21 [~~Howard~~] Lane / U.S. Highway 183;
- 22 5. Manor Road from Dean Keaton Street to 183;
- 23 6. Airport Boulevard from Manor Road to I-35;
- 24 7. Fifty-First Street from Cameron Road to Airport Boulevard;
- 25 8. Far West Boulevard from Mopac to western side of Chimney Corner;
- 26 9. Cameron Road from U.S. Highway 290 to U.S. Highway 183;

10. Mesa Drive from Spicewood Springs to Steck; and
11. Jollyville Road from Great Hills Trail to U.S. Highway 183.
12. North Lamar Boulevard from West Braker Lane to Howard Lane.

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PART 2. Chapter 25-2, Subchapter E (*Design Standards And Mixed Use*) of the City Code is amended to delete Figure 1, labeled *Core Transit Corridors (CTC) & Future Core Transit Corridors* and dated July 29, 2009, and add the new Figure 1 dated May 10, 2010, as set forth in Exhibit A to this ordinance.

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2010.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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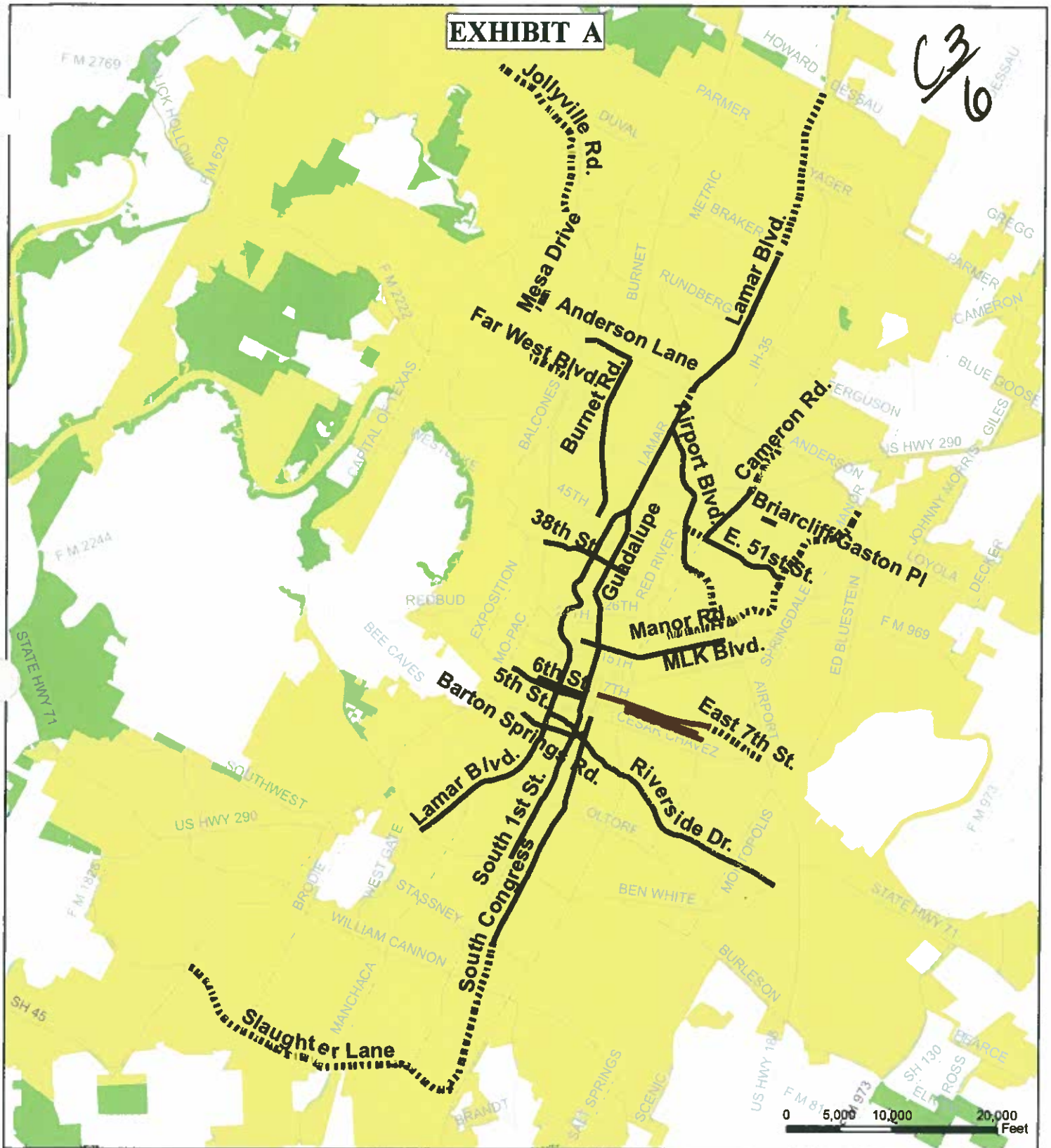
 Lee Leffingwell
 Mayor

APPROVED: _____
 David Allan Smith
 City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
 Shirley A. Gentry
 City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

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CORE TRANSIT CORRIDORS (CTC) & FUTURE CORE TRANSIT CORRIDORS

- Core Transit Corridor
- Future Core Transit Corridor
- Full Purpose Jurisdiction
- Limited Purpose Jurisdiction



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May 10, 2010

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Late Back-up Materials:
Case No. C20-2010-003

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dave Sullivan, Chair
Members of the Planning Commission

FROM: Greg Dutton, Planning & Development Review Department, 974-3509

DATE: May 25, 2010

RE: Code Amendment: Designation of North Lamar Boulevard from Hwy 183/West Anderson Lane to West Braker Lane as a Core Transit Corridor, **Late Back-up Materials**
Case No. C20-2010-003
Agenda Item 3

Description of Late Back-up Materials

Attached you will find email messages, from the public, related to the code amendment in question.

Dutton, Greg

From: LJ Rheams [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 22, 2010 2:01 PM
To: Dutton, Greg
Subject: RE: North Lamar Boulevard Code Amendment at Planning Commission 5/25

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Hey Greg,

And then they plan to have a vote before City Council on 5/27? I think I'll pick my battles on this one. I wholeheartedly concur that we should have the "Core Transit Corridor" designation. Please add my voice to the chorus of approval. :-) I don't think I'll attend Tuesday, but am planning to come for Thursday's City Council meeting. Please let me know if there is anything else you may need from me or the Neighborhood Association.

Thanks,
 Laura Rheams

> Date: Thu, 20 May 2010 16:56:24 -0500
 > From: greg.dutton@ci.austin.tx.us
 > To: webapp@ci.austin.tx.us
 > Subject: North Lamar Boulevard Code Amendment at Planning Commission 5/25

> Dear North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Area stakeholders,

> I wanted to write to let you know that this Tuesday, May 25th, at (or around) 6pm at City Hall, a code amendment will be considered at Planning Commission to designate a section of North Lamar Boulevard as a Core Transit Corridor. This section of North Lamar Boulevard is the western boundary of the North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Area, stretching from 183/Anderson Lane up to Braker Lane. This section is currently a Future Core Transit Corridor, and the code amendment suggests changing it to a Core Transit Corridor (getting rid of the "Future" part of it).

> Why are we putting forth this code amendment? We heard throughout the neighborhood planning process that the neighborhood was interested in seeing more pedestrian-friendly design features and amenities along North Lamar Boulevard. Designation as a Core Transit Corridor can help achieve this, as Core Transit Corridors are required to have wide sidewalks, street trees, and street furniture and amenities, among other things.

> I've attached a map showing the proposed length of North Lamar Boulevard. If you desire, you may attend the public hearing that accompanies this code amendment to let Planning Commission know your thoughts. You can also send me an email with your thoughts and I will include it in the backup materials for Planning Commission so that they can see it.

> Please do let me know if you have any questions at all.

> Cheers,

> Greg

> Greg Dutton

> Planner, City of Austin

> Planning and Development Review Department

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Dutton, Greg

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 5:47 PM
To: Dutton, Greg
Cc: Browning, Jacob; Walters, Mark
Subject: Transit amendment - cool

Hi Greg,

1. Yes, this is our stretch with improvements needed from the immediate south designation -- only suggestion is knowing that the last one block north section between Kramer and Braker has a whole different layout.
2. I take it TXdot is kept in the loop, seeing they own it, and if I have heard correctly they do have work in mind starting at the immediate south, but were waiting on something (maybe this - maybe money - maybe the 22nd century?).
3. CapMetro! I know we have heard from them. This is where my wish that they work with improving the flow of traffic along our section, not impeding it and just using our section to serve there own agenda as so many entities seem to have done these last twenty years with our area (this would help with pedestrians, traffic backups, engine idle pollution, esthetics, frustration, etc.)
4. And my other first with CapMetro is Bus docking ports (sounds high-tech good huh, and they could stream live Austin Music to waiting riders). NO, really, this is where I really think Bus pull-ins/pullouts like directly in front of Little Walnut Creek Library (and other locations) make tons of sense instead of the way the buses work now on Lamar which is totally ridiculous as if no one has every watched what they do everyday.
5. Let's vote for this change in name designation -- it cannot hurt.

Thanks, Robert

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From: Leroy Eide [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 7:09 PM
To: Dutton, Greg
Subject: North Lamar Boulevard Code Amendment at Planning Commission 5/25

Good - hopefully it will be put in place prior to KILLING a mother and her babies.

I can not walk from house to Mickey Ds without great challenges. The disabled absolutely no way Jose can the do same. This is the real reason that you have finally woke up.

Federal law requires fixing the mess.

Leroy

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-----Original Message-----

From: greg.dutton@ci.austin.tx.us [mailto:greg.dutton@ci.austin.tx.us]
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 4:56 PM
To: webapp@ci.austin.tx.us
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